

Of all the currently touring Zydeco bands, C.J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band is easily the most satisfying. Their latest album Hot Rod (Slash) has that low down bluesy feel, thanks to the great harmonica of Wilbert Miller (who also plays sax) and when that harp combines with C.J.'S remarkable accordion on "Harmonica Zydeco," it's as lowdown and raw a groove as you can get. And groove is what this band is all about, ripping through the almost rockabilly title and track, soul ballads like "Your Time to Cry," or the terrific instrumental, "Just the Beginning" which shows this band can stretch out into all kinds of sounds from folk rock to Motown. All this is done without the slightest hint of pretension. Just good, swinging funky music with soulful vocals that should keep you on the dance floor.

C.J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band: Tues., Oct. 15 at 10 p.m. at the 23 East Cabaret, 23 East Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, \$6, \$5 (adv.) 896-6426.

--Peter Brown